we are moulded of the same substance. We are eternally
one, because all are the undying off-spring of one Sire, not
merely but integral parts of one stupendous whole.
Seemingly the sovereign-master of the whole system
of planets and satellites, the sun is yet the inmate of and
the indweller in the tiny body of even the glow-worm and
the fire-fly. Even so, the Supreme Being indwells and
underlies all. As the different strings of a musical instru-
ment when properly tuned, produce a harmonious sound,
which though emanating from many is ultimately and truly
one, so He harmonises all in His wisdom. More than this,
He unifies them in their ultimate substance and origin. He
is the great Unifier. He is the One ultimate Reality, the
self-manifested, the self-apportioned but not partitioned
substance of all objective phenomena and the inner universal
unity of all Reason. He is the complete and everlasting-
realisation of what we can ever think or be. He is the
fulfilment of the best and the highest that we can realise
or even conceive at any time. He is the absolutely Perfect
one. Hence says Rishi Uddalaka Aruni to his son Swetaketu

in the Chandogya Upanishad: *"That which is the subtle essence, in it all that exists has its Self. It is the true ; It is the Self and thou, 0 Swetaketu art it •/'.* while Arum's disciple, Rishi Yajnavalkya, further elaborates this truth in the Brihadaranyaka Upanishad in these words: —*[i{ He who dwells in all beings and within all beings, whom all beings do not know, whose body all beings are and who pulls {rules} all beings within, he is thy self, the Ruller (ruler) within, the immortal.*

This conception of God as the inspiring Spirit, as the director of the human understanding, .was formed and universally accepted at least as early as every twice-born Hindu began* to utter as his daily devotion the *Gayatri mantra,* which is more fully dealt with in Chapter XIV *infra,* in which God is described as *"Dhiyo yo nah prachodayat"—'* He who directs our powers of understanding [?>], and the same truth is